

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, which amends claims 15 and 17, claims 1-29 remain pending. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-14 and 19-29.

Claims 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, but the Examiner indicated that these claims would also be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under §112.

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

In response to the Examiner's request, the specification has been amended to update identifying information for a related application referenced therein, as shown in the section "Amendments to the Specification" above. No new matter has been added.

Rejection of Claims 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, claims 15 and 17 were rejected for reciting "the bridge processor" without adequate antecedent basis, and claims 16 and 18 were rejected as depending from rejected claims 15 and 17.

In response, Applicant has amended claims 15 and 17 to recite "the bridge unit." Antecedent basis for this feature can be found in claim 15. Applicant also notes for the record that this amendment merely corrects a plain error in the claims and is not intended to alter the scope of any claims.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

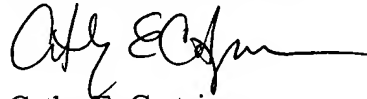
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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